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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAR ES SALAAM 2456

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: NYERERE ON WESTERN NEO-COLONIALISM IN AFRICA

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1. IN 7:00 PM LOCAL TIME RADIO TANZANIA BROADCAST OF
EXCERPTS FROM PRESS CONFERENCE HELD AFTER HIS PRESENTATION TO
CHIEFS OF MISSION THIS AFTERNOON, NYERERE ANSWERED QUESTION AS
TO WHETHER HE HAD CHANGED HIS VIEW OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION.
BASIC RESPONSE WAS "NOT YET." NYERERE SAID HE HAD NEVER WANTED TO
FIGHT CAPITALISM AS SUCH. HE WAS CONVINCED PRESIDENT CARTER WAS
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AGAINST RACISM IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. HE HAD COME TO THE CONCLUSION
THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE WITHIN THE NARROW LIMITS OF CAPITALISM FOR
THE US, LED BY CARTER, TO DO USEFUL BUSINESS WITH RADICAL
AFRICA. HE HOPED THAT IT WAS STILL POSSIBLE FOR THE HELPFUL AND
HOPEFUL VOICE HE HAD HEARD IN THE US TO BE HEARD AGAIN.

2. HOWEVER, HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND NEW TRENDS IN AMERICAN

POLICY. IF PRESIDENT CARTER HAD NOW TURNED AROUND AND WAS LISTENING TO THE NEW KISSINGERS IN HIS ADMINISTRATION, HE SOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF NYERERE TAKES IT AMISS. WITH THAT NYERERE COULD NOT COOPERATE.

3. IN RESPONSE TO SIMILAR QUESTION ON CHINA'S POSITION ON ZAIRE, NYERERE SAID THAT WAS A PROBLEM. EVERY COUNTRY SHOULD MAKE ITS POSITION CLEAR BUT HE SOMETIMES DISAGREED WITH HIS FRIENDS.

4. WHEN ASKED IF THE SITUATION IN ZAIRE SHOULD BE LEFT TO ITS OWN PEOPLE AND WHETHER TANZANIA HAD ANY PLANS TO MAKE PROPOSALS ON IT AT KHARTOUM, NYERERE REPLIED THAT IF ANY AFRICAN COUNTRY COMES TO KHARTOUM, WHO WAS HE TO SAY THAT IT COULD NOT BE HEARD THERE. HE WENT ON TO AN EMOTIONAL DIATRIBE AGAINST DISCUSSING AFRICAN MATTERS IN WASHINGTON PARIS, BRUSSELS, AND AT THE INITIATIVE OF FRANCE. HE ADDED THAT IF ANY AFRICAN COUNTRIES COOPERATE IN SUCH DISCUSSIONS, THEY ARE NOT TRUE AFRICAN COUNTRIES. THEY ARE HELPING NEO-COLONIALISM.

5. COMMENT: THIS STILL DOES NOT MAKE CLEAR THE LIMITS NYERERE NOW PROPOSES TO SET TO HIS COOPERATION WITH THE US. FOR THE MOMENT, HE APPEARS TO BE HINTING AT THE POSSIBILITY OF CONTINUED COOPERATION ON SOTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS WHILE DEMANDING A CHANGE OF HEART ON WHAT HE HAS CONCLUDED ERRONEOULY IS BROADER US SECURITY POLICY ON AFRICA. HOW LINKED
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ONE IS WITH THE OTHER REMAINS TO BE SEEN. BUT IT IS CLEAR THAT UNTIL HE IS STRAIGHTENED OUT ON THE LATTER, THE KIND OF COOPERATION WE HAVE HAD WITH HIM ON THE FORMER WILL BE DIFFICULT.
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